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SUBJ: SC MEETING ON ME: DECISION ON GENEVA

PROPOSAL POSTPONED

1. AT OUTSET OF SC CONSULTATIONS KENYAN PERM REP ODERO- JOWI

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READ PREPARED STATEMENT (SEPTTEL), FOLLOWING WHICH CONSULTATIONS WERE ADJOURNED. IN EFFECT, PROPOSAL FOR SC MEETING IN JULY IN GENEVA HAS BEEN ABANDONED.

2. COMBINATION OF FACTORS, SOME FRIVOLOUS AND PERSONAL, APPEAR TO HAVE LED TO KENYAN DECISION: A) MAJORITY OF SC MEMBERS WERE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH NON- ALIGNED SOLIDARITY WOULD HAVE LED TO THEIR FORMAL SUPPORT HAD THAT BECOME NECESSARY. VACATION PLANS , TRANSFERS, ETC, WITHIN DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY MOVE TO GENEVA. ALSO, SEVERAL PERM REPS SIMPLY VIEWED KENYAN PROPOSAL AS FRIVOLOUS. B) EGYPTIANS, WE BELIEVE, DID NOT REPEAT NOT ACTIVELY CAMPAIGN FOR GENEVA AND JORDANIANS WERE OPPOSED. NUMBER OF PERMREPS OF SMALL ARAB STATES, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ATTEND GENEVA MEETINGS DUE SIZE OF THEIR DELS, DID NOT SUPPORT PROPOSAL AND CALLED ATTENTION OF SC MEMBERS TO THEIR PARTICULAR INTEREST IN DEBATE. C) ISRAELIS, WHO HAVE REASONABLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH KENYA, WORKED HARD ON ODERO- JOWI, AND D) UK AND US REPRESENTATIONS, BOTH HERE AND IN CAPITALS, WERE EFFECTIVE AND MANY PERMREPS CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS FOOLISH AT THIS TIME TO ANTAGONIZE US NEEDLESSLY SINCE US COOPERATION WILL BE REQUIRED IF SC IS TO REACH AGREED OUTCOME OF ME DEBATE.

3. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE THAT STATEMENT BY ODERO- JOWI IS HIGHLY POLITICAL, ALTHOUGH HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS BASED ON " CONVENIENCE." MEMBERS OF NON- ALIGNED GROUP HAVE TOLD US THAT STATEMENT WAS ESSENTIALLY DIRECTED AT US. MESSAGE THEY WISHED TO CONVEY WAS THAT THEY HAD THE VOTES TO FORCE SHIFT TO GENEVA AND WILL HAVE THEM IN FUTURE IN EVENT ARABS URGE CHANGE OF VENUE. ALSO, IN ADDITION TO FACE- SAVING NATURE OF STATEMENT, NON- ALIGNED DELS IN POINT THREE ARE THREATENING TO RE- INTRODUCE GENEVA PROPOSAL IN AUG, WHEN US IS IN CHAIR, IF THERE ARE NO HOPEFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN JULY.

4. SHORTLY BEFORE SC CONSULTATIONS, FRENCH INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF GENEVA PROPOSAL IF VOTE WERE FORCED, BUT THAT THEY WOULD REMAIN SILENT AND NOT WORK FOR PROPOSAL.

5. EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIONS BY ADDRESSEES ARE MUCH APPRECIATED.

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